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Graduates ready for kindergarten

Quinntin Clark smiles at his family while singing the ABCs during his School's Cool graduation on Thursday, Aug. 18. School's Cool is a SIRCH program held at six different schools in the area for pre-kindergarten children to prepare them for their first years at school. See more photos on page 11. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Shoreline preservation bylaw passed by county council

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The shoreline preservation bylaw was passed during Haliburton County's regular council meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 24 after many questions were raised to director of planning Steve Stone.

The bylaw will come into effect on Apr. 1, 2023, and will "prohibit or regulate the destruction of injuring of trees and native vegetation and to prohibit or regulate the placing or dumping of fill, the removal of topsoil, the alteration of the grade of land on shoreline properties in the County of Haliburton."

The applicable shoreline area is 20 metres from the high-water mark of lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

Council members who said yes to the bylaw were Warden Liz Danielsen, Deputy Warden Dave Burton, Mayor of Algonquin Highlands Carol Moffatt, Deputy Mayor of Highlands East Cecil Ryall, Deputy Mayor of Minden Hills Lisa Schell, and Mayor of Minden Hills Brent Devolin.

Those against passing the bylaw on Aug. 24 were Mayor of Dysart et al Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor of Dysart et al Patrick Kennedy.

"I totally think this is where we needed to get to today, a clean version, but I am in favour of pressing the pause button. That doesn't mean I'm not in favour of the bylaw, but I do think passing the bylaw today, putting a future date on it, is opening ourselves up for still some problems," Roberts said. "A new council will not start from square one. They are not starting from scratch. They are starting

from what we've got today."

Danielsen disagreed and believed that if current council didn't pass the bylaw, all of their work on it could be discarded.

"I cannot, in all fairness, say we are pushing anything through. We've been working on this for five years. I believe it's our responsibility to make a decision one way or the other. I'm [worried that], if we do not pass it, it all comes to a halt ... you don't know that a new council is just going to move on with where we are. They might just want to start from scratch again, and to me in my mind, that's a waste of every bit of work that we've done," Danielsen said.

Moffatt said it is possible, although unusual, for the new slate of council to rescind a bylaw, so she was in favour of passing the bylaw to see the job completed as an outgoing mayor and councillor.

The County of Haliburton began the process of creating the shoreline preservation bylaw in 2017.

Their approved budget includes the hiring of one applications examiner and two compliance monitoring officials to process permit applications and carry out in-field evaluations.

Ryall raised a concern about the possibility of hiring being a challenge on a short timeline.

"I am always optimistic, but I know, even over the last six months, it's been challenging to hire people. Most shoreline activity begins after April 1st, and it would be if council does seek to implement this bylaw, we would try to hire the staff. Whether we can get a full compli-

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Haliburton County Council passed the shoreline preservation bylaw on Wednesday, Aug. 24. Pictured is Pine Lake in West Guilford.

/DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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"The bylaw compliance officer would serve as a plans examiner if we were finding it difficult to find the necessary staffing for that, so it wouldn't be that we would be out of having a certain skill set, we would make sure that if we can only get one bylaw compliance officer, they would be trained and skilled in plans examination, for example," Stone said.

"One of the things that I wanted to do, and I think it would be very important, is to actually have a more enhanced suite of tools on the county's website that give very clear examples of how the exemption process works and really delineates between what the average project might be," Stone said.

"It would be a work in progress. That's what we call program evaluation. As things come up that need to be further explained or further clarified, then those things on the website would evolve to address the community's needs of understanding."

“[Dysart councillors are] the ones going to lake association meetings, they’re the ones who are getting asked this question by constituents as well as us county councillors because it does effect us all. I think there was a thought that, prior to the passage of the bylaw, that the

The bylaw will be reviewed by county staff on an "ongoing and periodic basis."

Dysart council to pen support letter for new cell tower

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart council has agreed to write a letter of concurrence in support of a new cell tower within its boundaries.

Rogers Communications wants to erect a 90-metre cell-phone tower at Glamorgan Road and Minnicock Lake Road. Company officials updated council on its consultation process as part of the project during the Aug. 23 public meeting.

Thirteen property owners who are situated within 500-metres off the site were notified by the company. Christian Lee, a site acquisition specialist working with Rogers, said they're limited in where they can locate towers.

"It isn't one tower to serve a specific area," Lee said. "Each tower is part of a large network. This is one piece in a 600-piece puzzle."

Often, an area's geology isn't conducive to a communications tower. And, as they relay towers, each site has to be within a specific proximity of another tower. And, of course, some land owners may be reluctant to enter into a lease agreement to accommodate a tower.

"We have no Crown land and very little Dysart-owned land, so I suspect that most of the locations they are looking at are private property," said Mayor Andrea Roberts.

Eric Belchamber, a site acquisition specialist with Rogers, wrote in a letter to council that some area residents expressed support, citing the needed service improvements. There was also a small group of "very vocal and passionate" residents who strongly opposed the proposal.

"The opposition was largely based on concerns that are specifically deemed not relevant for the purposes of public consultation, such as the merits of Canada's Safety Code 6 guidelines, perceived impacts to property values, and visual amenity. There were also some concerns about tower lighting and impacts to the environment, which were addressed."

Safety Code 6 sets safety limits for human exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields.

"Rogers feels that the proposed site is well located to

provide improved wireless voice and data services in the targeted area," Belchamber wrote. "The proposed site is also situated and designed so as to have minimal impact on surrounding land uses."

The proposed tower is part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's (EORN) Cell Gap Project. Council was also briefed on those plans to upgrade as many as 300 existing towers to support 4G and 5G phone services.

The Cell Gap Project will have about 265 new sites will be constructed over the next three to four years.

So far, 195 towers have been upgraded. All work is slated to be done by 2025 and it will meet or exceed the project's coverage goals, said Lisa Severson, EORN's communications director.

"This is an interconnected network and is designed for the region," she said. "It's not as if it's just building a tower and they're independent. It's an entire network we're building across the region."

The project aims to bridge cell and internet gaps through 50,000 square kilometres. That's about the size of Nova Scotia, Severson said.

She anticipates 20 new towers and upgrades to 300 existing sites in 2022.

Filling the cell coverage gaps will improve public safety through better connectivity to 911 service. New towers allow for future deployment of fixed wireless and the introduction of new technology.

It will increase the number of people able to use the internet at the same time without incurring disruptions. That will also lead to an improved tourism experience.

Severson said it's quite common for visitors taking photos to try to upload those images to social media. The frequency of that can cause strain on the current system.

"There's just too many people trying to use the network," she said.

Arts fest a success

The Haliburton Arts and Craft Festival returned in July in Head Lake Park.

The three-day event was the first outing since its pandemic-induced hiatus.

Laurie Jones, curator-director at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, said in a written report to council that about

4,500 people attended the festival.

"Feedback from visitors and participants is that our new layout with fewer vendors and more open space helped contribute to an interesting, artful experience," she wrote.

Social media for the festival will continue into the fall to build its profile and attract new and returning audiences.

"We had some challenges with the weather, but were able to work through that," said Councillor John Smith.

Patio Tuesdays explores 'Craftism'

The summer theme for Patio Tuesdays, a free public demo series held Tuesdays from noon until 3 p.m., was Craftivism - social activism + craft.

Textile artist Sandra Clarke introduced a range of zero-waste concepts from natural sun-dyeing to beeswax wraps and slow-mending. Haliburton Farmer's Market being on Tuesdays, as well, is a great asset.

Gallery and program attendance continued strong all summer.

Other programs this summer included three drum-making workshops, weekly community drum circles, and Rails End Ukuladies Jams, Craft Circle meet-ups, and an afternoon concert.

The Gallery was open six days a week, but will return to being open Wednesday to Saturday in September.

Art Squared Haliburton County

A dedicated group of painters were inspired five years ago by Carole Finn, a Rails End Gallery founder, to start a fundraiser to support the gallery.

Artists in the community donate 12- by 12-inch paintings which are in turn sold for \$100 each. Weekly displays were held outdoor this summer, as they were last summer.

"For many buyers, an Art Squared painting is the first original piece of art they have owned," according to Jones' report. "It has been a fun project and contributed to the vitality of our volunteer community as we bounce back from the pandemic."

Haliburton County comes out against 'inequitable' hot tub rules

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Put simply, rules for higher-traffic hot tub use shouldn't have the same bearing on such amenities at the smaller resorts.

And Haliburton County resolved during its regular public meeting Aug. 24 to speak up for the smaller-scale tourism operators under the umbrella of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

A number of cottage country small resort operators have had to drain their hot tubs because of non-compliance with provincial health codes. Those regulations stipulate such things as safety equipment against drowning, a landline telephone, and shower facilities be at hand.

Those stipulations are also demanded of the larger hotel operations with heavily-used communal pools and hot tubs.

But here's the rub: Few people take a soak at the smaller resorts where hot tubs are typically limited to the people renting the specific cabin. Not like the throngs of people you'd find splashing about at a hotel with higher guest capacity.

"They're treating the large hotel hot tubs where multiple people are using them the same as a hot tub that may be, literally, just for one unit," said Councillor Andrea Roberts. "People go out their motel room door and there's a personal hot tub."

"A lot of people, after a big hike or a big day snowmobiling or whatever, that's part of the pleasure is to ... have your own personal hot tub right outside your door."

Councillor Carol Moffatt said the inequitable application of the regulations is absolutely ridiculous. One Algonquin Highlands operator she's spoken with told her it would cost upwards of \$80,000 to be in com-

pliance with the rules. That's a lot of money for the smaller-scale operators. "The timing is just awful," said Warden Liz Danielsen.

The county will voice their concerns in a letter to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

"There should be a distinction between the hot tubs that are affected by the small motels and small tourist destination places than the major hotels," said Roberts.

Peer review of traffic study expected

One county Public Works file that's garnered Roberts' interest was a traffic study and a speed limit review for Peninsula Road.

"I certainly know you're being bombarded with files from the Dysart area," said Roberts.

Robert Sutton, the county's director of public works, said a preliminary review has been done of a traffic impact study. He said staff investigated whether or not there's a need for a right turn taper on County Road 21.

After discussions with Dysart municipal staff, Stone said the county figured they could address anything to come out of the peer review as a condition of site plan control.

"We felt the consultant had addressed most of the concerns county staff had," Stone said.

The peer review consultant results will be available to the county in about a month.

County signage rules to be reviewed

Councillor Patrick Kennedy, who is also Dysart's Deputy Mayor, said he was recently contacted about the criteria for signage on county roads. A local business had recently opened in the municipality's West Guilford area. The business owners erected a sign to advertise the establishment.

The sign was subsequently removed by county roads staff.

"It's been brought to my attention there's a number of signs around the Haliburton village that are on county road allowances and they have not been disturbed," Kennedy said. "I'm just wondering what the criteria is."

Sutton said the county sign bylaw is scheduled for review and there's a moratorium on certain signage.

"It's an important issue for a lot of businesses," he said. "We respond on a complaint basis, typically, for signs or other matters." Sutton said he'd investigate Kennedy's specific example.

County van to go electric

The Haliburton County van is on its last legs, according to Sutton.

As part of plans for its fleet program, the county is looking at replacing the aged van with a plug-in electric vehicle.

"It is coming to the end of its life," Sutton said. "It's a challenge to get parts for that type of vehicle. ... We're hoping to get it through to the end of the year."

Given price factors and market conditions, all options are being considered.

"We are looking into different options and seeing what would be best for the county, both for the environment and for cost," Sutton said.

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Over \$1,000 raised for new studio

Skyline Dance Studio joined Haliburton Foodland manager Brad Park at Foodland in Haliburton on Wednesday, Aug. 17 to raise money for their not-for-profit studio with the Maple Leaf Foods Community Cruiser. The cruiser comes once a year to Foodland in Haliburton to put on a barbecue of hot dogs and sausages and collect donations for a not-for-profit organization. "This year, I chose to put it towards the new dance studio. They had the kids out dancing with music, and it was a super day. With the generosity of people in our community donating while grabbing something to eat and drink, we raised over \$1,000 in donations," Park said. /Photo by David Zilstra



Lions bowl for a cause

Haliburton and District Lions Club president Tina Hadley bowls at the Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes - Haliburton's mentoring programs on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Fast Lane Bowling Alley in Minden. This event raised a little more than \$3,000 from team pledges, business sponsors and bids made during the silent auction. Hadley was part of a participating group, comprising of Lions members who came for this year's "Pool Party" themed event. /DARREN LUM Staff

AH employees delighted with four-day work week

GRACE OBORNE

Special to the Echo

It's been a little over a month since the start of a compressed work week trial for Algonquin Highlands township staff, and

with several weeks into a new routine, township employees are happy with the progress.

In June, Algonquin Highlands council supported the trial, which begun July 4, and will continue until Feb. 28, 2023. The compressed work week arrangement means that staff working in the township

office have been working 8.75 hours per day, rather than their original schedule of 35 hours per week. Employees have been working from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Thursday or Tuesday to Friday.

"A compressed workweek is a flexible work arrangement whereby an employee works longer hours in exchange for a reduction in the number of working days in the working cycle," read the Algonquin Highlands' Compressed Workweek (Trial) Policy.

According to CAO, Angie Bird, staff have appreciated the additional personal time they gain from this new work plan.

"The feedback has been all very positive. Staff really appreciate the opportunity to integrate additional personal time into their already busy work week," Bird said.

For Chad Ingram, Algonquin Highlands' communications coordinator and full-time employee, the new four-day work week has been nothing but a positive experience for not only himself, but his family as well.

"I'm personally a huge fan of the system. I find that that it's worth it to put in a few extra hours during those four days, and then to have a long weekend, most weekends. In my case, I have two small kids, so this allows me more time to spend with them," Ingram said.

Though the compressed work week has been beneficial for staff and their families, it is also worthwhile to the public.

Township office hours are now from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, providing an additional five hours of service delivery per week.

"Certainly, one of the benefits, in terms of residents, is that because we're working longer days, so the office is open longer. Now a workday is [8 a.m. to 5 p.m.] so the office, therefore, is open [8 a.m. to 5 p.m.]. So instead of 40 hours a week being open to the public, the office is now open 45 hours a week to the public," Ingram said.

The trial is encouraged for staff to try but is not mandatory. There have been staff who have opted out due to other challenges, meaning they continue to work a five-day work week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

According to the staff report to council, "prior to the end of the trial, staff will

bring a report back to Council for consideration with a recommendation on whether to the trial should be extended, terminated or made permanent. If Council supports the policy, and the recommended start date, staff will post the changes to the office hours on the township website and on the Township's various social media platforms."

Mayor Carol Moffatt has recognized that staff are even happier than they were before the compressed work week.

"I'd like to think that that this is one more way in which Algonquin Highlands can be a leader in business models. Algonquin Highlands staff are all pretty happy generally anyway, but there's certainly a lot more smiles. There seems to be a different sense in the air, so it's my impression that people are happy with the scenario," Moffatt said.

A four-day work week has been implemented in other municipalities such as Dysart et al, but not to the greatest extent that it could be.

"We have four-day work weeks for our roads crew during their summer schedule. We haven't made any proposals to council yet in terms of this type of arrangement for office or other staff, but monitoring with the hope that the current pilot with our neighbours is successful. If we were to consider a compressed work schedule, we'd have to consider our staff complement within each department and our ability to continue to provide the same level of service within a different time schedule. It is one tool that employers may have to consider more in the current job market to remain competitive," said Dysart et al CAO, Tamara Wilbee.

For the municipality of Highlands East, it has not been put into effect but is being strongly considered.

"Nothing has been implemented at this time. I can't answer whether this will be implemented or not as no decision has been made. I can advise that we are reviewing all policies that have been implemented by others in Haliburton County on alternative working arrangements," said Highlands East CAO, Shannon Hunter.

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Fearrey and McKechnie set to lead Dysart council

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Dysart council will have new acclaimed leadership for the upcoming term, and the new mayor and deputy mayor are bringing years of combined experience to the table.

Murray Fearrey was the only candidate for mayor in Dysart, and Walt McKechnie, current Ward 5 Councillor, was the only candidate for deputy mayor.

Both have been acclaimed to office for the upcoming municipal council term.

Fearrey said he decided to run to offer his years of experience to Dysart.

"I was kind of surprised that no one else came out, but they didn't, so I'll have to accept the responsibility and do the best job I can. With county council, I don't think I'd ever seen this many people leaving at once," Fearrey said.

Fearrey, long-time Haliburton resident, served on Dysart council for nearly 40 years.

He was reeve and later mayor for many of those years and said he had been acclaimed several times before.

"I waited for, I don't know how many weeks, to see if someone else would step up for mayor this term," Fearrey said.

McKechnie, former NHL player, has been in the Haliburton area since 1970 and has served as ward 5 councillor since 2010.

"There could always be a competition, and you have to be prepared for that. I feel I was quite prepared. I was ready to campaign if somebody else did run, but

I'm very thankful and appreciative that I don't have to," he said.

McKechnie said his passion and dedication to the community is what pushed him to put his name forward for deputy mayor.

"I felt that with my experience, it was time for me to step up for the community," McKechnie said. "I thought I'd be a good voice for them in not only Dysart but also at the county level."

Fearrey and McKechnie share opinions on certain topics, but they also have their own ideas and visions.

One of Fearrey's main concerns in the county is the shortage of healthcare workers.

"If you don't have healthcare, you don't have a community, in my opinion. It's one of the services we desperately need," he said.

He believes that providing more housing will help encourage doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to move to the area.

"The number one issue in the municipality is housing. I'm talking about middle-income housing that allows working people to buy a house. Combined with that, we are suffering from a lack of healthcare workers. I think we need to somehow focus on some more housing."

McKechnie is also concerned about the housing shortage.

"Most councils, today especially, in a rural area like ours, would say the same thing: we need more housing, and affordable housing. We have some good projects that are in the books right now, and we have to try and get shovels in the ground and get things happening," he

said.

Both Fearrey and McKechnie were disappointed with the passing of the shoreline preservation bylaw during Haliburton County Council's regular meeting on Aug. 24.

"The next council will have a chance to review that. I'm pretty disappointed. I thought it was going to come back to all the municipal councils [before being passed]," Fearrey said.

McKechnie said that he and many Dysart constituents he talked to were dismayed by the passing of the shoreline preservation bylaw.

"Many constituents I have talked to have heard that the shoreline policy was going to be deferred until next term. I think that the lakefront property owners did not have a proper say. ... I can't emphasize this enough that lake association presidents and members have not been kept up to date and informed as much as they should be. Lake property owners who do not belong to an association have also really been forgotten," McKechnie said.

Another one of Fearrey's concerns is the short-term rental issue that Haliburton County council has been discussing.

"I'm concerned about the short-term rentals. I hope it comes back to local councils to consider that," Fearrey said. "I know the local people running the rental agencies have a lot to offer towards it, and I hope there's lots of dialogue with them."

McKechnie is looking forward to being involved in the short term rental decisions on a county level and conveying messages from Dysart constituents.

Another one of Fearrey's areas of interest is improving the Dysart sewage system.

"We can't handle much more housing without that," he said.

He would also like to see improvements in sports facilities in the area.

"There's not a decent ball diamond or soccer field in Dysart right now other than going to West Guilford. I think we're not going to get young families to move here. And, I'd also like to work with the community. I'd like to get rid of the parking meters as soon as I can."

McKechnie said he is wanting more sports facilities to be built to cater to both youth and seniors.

Road improvements are another important topic for the incoming Deputy Mayor.

"Roads are always an issue, but I think in the last four years, we've made some great progress. We're very aware of roads of concern."

Fearrey and McKechnie served two terms of council with each other from 2010 to 2018.

"Individuals are entitled to their own opinions. We have to make decisions based on what's best for taxpayers," Fearrey said.

McKechnie said he is looking forward to being on Dysart council with Fearrey this term.

"We have been friends for 50 years, but still have our own opinions. We will work hard together, just like all councils try to work well together. I really respect his dedication, commitment, and passion for the community," McKechnie said.

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Of walls and towers

They're tearing down walls in Haliburton County.

That's what they're doing, even as people complain about the things that are being put up in the process of tearing down those walls. Now then, that's a beautiful bit of irony: That you could take something down by erecting another something.

Allow me a moment to take you face-and-eyes into the notion.

There are places in which a bunch of gaps in cellphone and internet coverage exist. They're like blind spots. At best, there's limited service in some areas that becomes encumbered, slowed, exasperating as more people try to avail of the internet or a simple cellphone call.

Even if it's an emergency call to 911. Those important calls are slowed by tourists relaxing at a cottage (called a cabin where I'm from) or just driving through Haliburton County and they need to update their social media. Perhaps they took a striking photo of a lakeshore. Or maybe the way the sun in the evening sings a treeline against the sky in a warm orange-red hue.

One of those photos people feel HAS to be shared.

Social media and an emergency cell phone call: The former can cancel the latter.

Unless the crowd at the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) push ahead in ripping down more walls.

Walls can exist though nobody sees them. Just as a 90-metre or 120-metre cellphone tower can open a door.

Rogers Communications wants to erect a 90-metre cellphone tower at Glamorgan Road and Minnicock Lake Road in Dysart at al.

The municipal council there heard updates Aug. 23 on the communications company's effort toward bringing the tower to fruition and EORN's efforts to close other cellular gaps.

"It isn't one tower to serve a specific area," said Christian Lee, a site acquisition specialist working with Rogers.

"Each tower is part of a large network. This is one piece in a 600-piece puzzle."

Often, a desirable site's geology isn't conducive to a communications tower. And, as they're relaying towers, each site has to be within a specific proximity of another tower. As such things often go, some landowners may be reluctant to enter into a lease agreement to accommodate a tower. Some people see such towers as blights on the landscape. Remember that evening sky treeline?

But, as Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts described, the cooperation of landowners is paramount.

"We have no Crown land and very little Dysart-owned land, so I suspect that most of the locations they are looking at are private property," she said.

Eric Belchamber, a site acquisition specialist with Rogers, wrote in a letter to council that some area residents expressed support, citing the importance of cell service and internet improvements. There was also a small group of "very vocal and passionate" residents who strongly oppose the tower at Glamorgan Road and Minnicock Lake Road.

Emergency services aside, better communications will benefit the region's business community. Likely, there's no way to tell how much money has been lost by people mired in those gaps. The missed calls. The web surfers looking to book online only to be frustrated by the spinning wheel of death on their screen, the one that speaks of a missed connection.

We won't be able to quantify all that's been lost by lacklustre cell service in the gaps. But the day may come when residents, business owners, and visitors could be able to see the difference. That will be the day after the gaps are filled, the metaphorical walls that keep the world outside are taken down when towers are permitted to go up.



james matthews

Editorial



Birds eye view

by Darren Lum

Gladdening

THE BUDDHA, one of the many wisdoms I teach that I study, talked about the importance of "gladdening our minds" daily, and really before we undertake any activity.

I learned about the practice as a way to start a meditation or yoga class and the idea is always that we practice these techniques "on the mat, or on the bench" and then we take them into our daily lives.

The purpose behind gladdening the mind, from my understanding, is that we start our day, or our activity by taking a few minutes to create a flow of love or good vibrations in our our entire being.

We focus on positive thoughts and let that energy fill us up. It is an easy practice that anyone can do.

All that is required is to quietly say to ourself at least 5 things that we love.

I do this every morning before I get out of bed. I love my breath. I love the 3 poppies growing in my garden right now. I love walking in the meadow that we live on. I love the spider webs outside my window. I love my family. And on it goes.

The idea is to say what I love and give my mind, body and heart a chance to fully feel the sensations of love rippling through my entire system.

I gladden my mind. And then I continue on with the task at hand which could be meditating, doing some yoga, hosting a dinner party, playing with children or grandchildren, taking my garbage to the dump, painting a picture or reading a book.

This practice is very helpful when life gives us challenging situations, which we all get, such as a difficult relationship with a

friend, a grumpy co-worker, illness, things not working out the way we want, feeling lonely etc. The list go's on.

Life is challenging at times.

It can be very easy to become overwhelmed, angry, sad, envious or tired.

The Buddha taught that what we practice we get good at.

If we spend a lot of time being angry, negative, mean spirited, jealous or envious that is what we get good at.

If we practice gladdening our minds, focusing on positive thoughts and things we love we get good at that.

We get better at seeing our own essential goodness, and the goodness of life around us. We develop a habit of love.

There is an additional part to the practice. As you go through your day and you experience a

moment of love such as watching the sunset or rise, or seeing beauty in your art or garden, or listening to a beautiful piece of music, or having dinner with friends, really take the time to absorb that moment.

Feel it, sense it and experience it for at least 30 seconds and in doing so you strengthen the gladdening of the mind, the positivity and the joy.

You are building a habit of love 30 seconds at a time.

Rumi says, "The very centre of your heart is where life begins. The most beautiful place on earth."

Let love guide you through all the activities of your day.

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points of view

Roll playing

THIS PAST weekend, Jenn, her sister, her sister's partner Kyle, and me, went on a lovely little canoe camping trip. We left on Friday morning and got back Sunday afternoon. We took eight rolls of toilet paper. And other things too.

Kyle, nor I, had any input in the toilet paper planning aspect of the trip. We did, nevertheless, suggest that the only reason four people would need eight rolls of toilet paper on a weekend camping trip would be if something incredibly horrific occurred.

Our objections were quickly overruled. According to the women, better safe than sorry.

Of course, I thought it was ridiculous. But, then it occurred to me that Jenn and her sister might have something in mind that they weren't letting Kyle and me in on. On the portage in, as I carried a canoe and a bulky but relatively lightweight pack, I began to mull over what that could be? I mean there had to be a rational explanation.

And then it struck me. They were going to get us with the old mummy prank!

Yup, they were going to wait till Kyle and I were asleep, slip out of our respective tents and use several rolls of toilet paper to wrap themselves up like mummies. Then, of course, they were going to moan and growl until Kyle and I peaked out of our tents. At which point, we would then see a pair of scary mummies shambling through the campsite. It's the oldest trick in the book.

I didn't want them to know I was onto them, so I just smirked a lot for the rest of that portage.

Later, when Kyle and I were alone, I realized that, since he was not an experienced camper, I should give him a heads up on what was, almost certainly, going to happen.

"I have a feeling lot of toilet paper is going to be used tonight," I winked.

"What?" he replied. "What do you mean by that?"

"Expect a lot of growling and eerie moaning too," I continued. "You get me?"

What are you talking about?" he replied.

That's when I realized Kyle had probably led a very sheltered life and that I would have to spell it out for him. So, I raised both arms straight out towards his neck, and began to shuffle awkwardly to him while growling and moaning eerily.

I don't think he liked the thought of being the victim of the old mummy trick, because he seemed jumpy the rest of the weekend.

That night, after we had all settled into our tents, Jenn announced that she would be putting on her head lamp and walking 50 or so yards to the campsite's thunderbox in the dark. Her sister said that she would accompany her.

"Ah ha!" I thought.

Their footsteps had barely receded, when I whispered, "Hey Kyle! Get ready! It's about to happen!"

Suddenly, I heard Kyle zipper up his tent quickly.

And then he said, "Please stay away from me!" Which was odd, since the women were out of ear shot.

"Wow!" I thought. Kyle must be terrified of the old mummy trick. Who could blame him? I mean, even when you know it's coming, it's still unsettling.

Fortunately, I was wrong about the whole thing. They didn't hit us with the old mummy trick at all, and we ended up bringing back seven full rolls of toilet paper. And, let me just say, I don't think anyone was more relieved than Kyle.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Jack Dart of Haliburton stands beside his recently-acquired 1935 Ford on Highland Street in Haliburton, circa 1946. Jack was a son of Reg and Margaret Dart. Reg was the proprietor of Dart's Bakery. The photo was taken in front of the bakery, which stood where Subway is today. Note the bakery's awning and part of their sign at top left. The large building beside the bakery is the Grand Central Hotel where Glecoff's Family Store is located. On the other side of the street, the Bank of Montreal building (formerly Daniel Gorrie's store) is prominent in the middle of the street. It stood where the Haliburton Foodland parking lot is now. Jack Johnston was an employee of Dart's Bakery at the time. He was a child with his first camera and took several casual pictures around the village at the time. /Submitted by Steve Hill

letters to the editor

Lack of public involvement in Bill 7 concerns LTCC

Dear MPP Laurie Scott,

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer. Our Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition (LTCC) has been meaning to be in touch with you about the ongoing health care crisis and as a follow-up to your request for information from our June meetings, Aging Together as Community, Haliburton Highlands. This will follow in the near future.

Today we are writing to express very strong concerns about 'Bill 7, - More Beds, Better Care Act, 2022', which was introduced in the Legislature last week and is currently under debate. It is our understanding that the government does not intend to refer this to committee hearings. Instead of holding public hearings and amending the legislation, the Ford government has introduced a time allocation motion and is using its majority to quickly pass it, limiting debate. The result is that the new legislation can be passed with just two hours of debate for Second Reading and two hours of debate for Third Reading. Further, both Second and Third Reading can be scheduled, voted on, and passed, all in one day. We feel this process is profoundly undemocratic.

The new legislation clearly, overtly, does the following:

a. Suspends the requirement for informed consent; In Ontario, the Health Care Consent Act and the Fixing Long-Term Care Act codify the requirement of informed consent in the admissions process.

b. Enables the hospital's doctors and nurses to assess any ALC patient (not necessarily just those waiting for long-term care) for eligibility for long-term care without their consent;

c. Enables the placement coordinator to share the patient's personal information with any long-

term care homes without consent;

d. Enables completion of the patient's long-term care application without consent; and

e. Enables the patient to be admitted into any long-term care home without their consent.

There are 38,000 people waiting for a long-term care home in Ontario. The reason that there are Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients in hospitals waiting for LTC is the long-standing LTC wait list. The only long-term care homes that do not have long waiting lists are those to which people do not want to go. This is a huge concern for us as it violates the rights of our elders. Patients are currently entitled to choose up to five long-term care homes and rank them by preference. (If the patient has been deemed "crisis" they can make an unlimited number of choices.) When a bed becomes available in one of the homes they have chosen, they are discharged and are to be admitted to that home. We do not accept the validity of the claim that it is in the interest of patients to move them against their will to a home that is not of their choice, that may be far away or not accessible for their families and supports, that is culturally inappropriate, and almost certainly is a home to which people do not want to go, and is likely short-staffed.

The majority of "ALC patients" are not, in fact, waiting for long-term care. Many ALC patients are waiting for another type of hospital care (rehabilitation, complex continuing care, mental health beds) for which all hospital beds are full. Targeting one patient population (the elderly and persons with chronic illness/disability) and suspending their fundamental rights is discriminatory. Their lives have value and their needs are legitimate. In addition, the claim that a significant por-

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Beaming with Pride

Maggie Lauzon, four, listens to Auntie Plum read Esther the Wonder Pig during the Haliburton Drag Storytime during the week of events for Minden Pride in the Haliburton Highlands on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at the Dysart branch. Minden Pride is rooted in love and promotes inclusivity. /DARREN LUM Staff



Auntie Plum reads during the Haliburton Drag Storytime. /DARREN LUM Staff



Catherine Swift, from left, Lindsay Wilkinson, and Nicholas Swift pose in front of the photo wall at the Burlesque Ball held at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Friday, Aug. 26. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Ella, left, and Maya Szathmary toss beanbags at the Minden Pride Street Festival on Sunday, Aug. 28 in Minden. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

letters to the editor

Hospital downsizing impacts care for patients

from page 7

tion of ALC patients are waiting for home care is false. Generally, patients are now discharged to wait at home for home care. Advocates have been concerned about this “wait at home” strategy as patients can be promised home care that does not materialize.

After decades of downsizing, Ontario has the fewest hospital beds per capita of any province in Canada. In fact, Canada is very low among all OECD nations in terms of hospital beds per capita, and Ontario is almost at the bottom of the entire OECD. The Ontario government’s policy of hospital downsizing is one of the most radical in the developed world which has resulted in serious impacts on patients. Ontario funds its hospitals at the lowest rate in Canada. (Hospital funding by provinces as a proportion of provincial GDP and per person.) Patients are not at fault for the lack of proper health care planning and resourcing. The result is that the competition for scarce resources has been devastating to the

elderly and those with chronic needs.

The Health Insurance Act has allowed for the charging of the “chronic care co-payment” to hospital patients awaiting placement into a long-term care home since 1996. (See pp 16 here for a summary of the Harris government’s Bill 26, an omnibus bill, passed in 1996 introducing new co-payments for hospital chronic care patients and patients waiting for long-term care.) The maximum co-payment is equivalent to the basic accommodation rate in a long-term care home. Nothing in Bill 7 changes that. Claims that the Bill enables hospitals to charge this co-payment are false. They have been able to do so, and have done so, for decades. If a patient refuses a valid offer of admission – which will now include a long-term care home that they have not chosen and which might be far away, culturally inappropriate, substandard or that a patient is afraid to go to – the hospital may charge them the uninsured bed fee (usually \$1,200 - \$1,500 per day) for not leaving the hospital. If the Minister of Long-Term Care is honest and serious in his claim that this will not be

done, he needs to amend his own legislation to forbid it. Bill 7 does nothing to prevent this from happening.

“Clearing patients out” or “patients taking up beds” are discriminatory, ageist, value-based statements that are unacceptable and cause enormous suffering. Nothing in this Bill provides for better home care, primary care, assisted living and other care to prevent hospitalization and support Ontarians’ choice to live at home, which is of paramount importance.

Laurie, we ask you to please not support Bill 7 based on our strong concerns, which represents those of other advocacy groups and on behalf of the rights of all elders in HKLB and Ontario. We look forward to your reply, at your earliest convenience.

Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition
Brigitte Gebauer, Terry Hartwick,
Dorothy Owens, Lyn Ritchie, Bonnie Roe

The Studio Tour celebrates 35 years in Highlands

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

The Studio Tour, Haliburton Highlands will be in full swing celebrating its 35th year over the first two week-ends of October with must-see art made by 44 local artists, including ten guest artists, displayed and presented at 26 studios at the same number of locations, with a drive along picturesque country roads embraced by the magnificent colours of autumn, this is an experience not to be missed.

Peter and Joyce Emmink, co-directors of The Studio Tour are fused-glass artists whose studio, Ivy Cottage Fusion Arts, is located in Algonquin Highlands.

"We have 10 wonderful guest artists this year," Peter Emmink said, "and one whose work is quite unique is felt artist, Chris Lizak."

Joyce added, "And new to our full-member artist roster is metal sculptor Scott Childs. His work is very creative, and his studio (Z on the list) is definitely worth a visit."

Peter adds, "Tiffany Howe will be back after a bit of a break from the tour."

Howe is a multidisciplinary artist who creates mixed media paintings, sculptures, earrings and installation art using recycled materials, and found objects.

Pure eye-candy greets tour visitors with a wide range of different types of art – wood, textiles, metal, photography, painting, glass, pottery, and jewellery.

"Most of us do an educational piece or demonstration for visitors," Joyce said. "One of our guest artists, Albert Cote, a fibre artist, is often sewing while he's showing his work."

"Sylvia and Wayne Rose will often do a firing of raku pottery," Peter said. "Joyce shows visitors the different stages of glasswork, before the kiln, after the kiln, and what molds look like."

The Emminks weren't always fused-glass artists.

"About 30 years ago, Pete and I were on the Studio Tour doing stained glass as well as sand-blasted etch-



Wayne Rose demonstrates the process of Raku at the Duck Lake Road studio he shares with wife and fellow artist Sylvia during the 2019 Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour. /FILE

ings, and then we kind of morphed into this fused glass," Joyce said. "The nice thing about it is, you can use every tiny scrap of glass, nothing goes to waste, nothing ends up in the landfill."

The couple's styles couldn't be more different from each other, Peter said.

"She makes wonderful functional plates and bowls, lovely four-season garden lanterns. I do more of the artsy framed work pieces, everything from a head shot of a bobcat right down to a stream trickling through the woods in the winter," he said.

Over a weekend, between 500 and 600 visitors come to the Emmink's studio.

"Over a year," they said, "we get about 1400 visitors."

The Emminks are also looking forward to doing a Studio Tour beer this year, a cross-promotion, limited release with Haliburton Highlands Brewing, located at Abbey Gardens. The Studio Tour Beer will be released in September.

For a fully enjoyable, educational, and artistically enriching experience, the Studio Tour brochure and map are available for viewing and downloading, as well as a list of all of this year's valued Studio Tour Haliburton Highlands sponsors at: www.thestudiotour.ca.

In addition, 20,000 copies of The Studio Tour brochure will be available at various locations throughout the county.



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The 2022 Municipal/School Board Election will be conducted using Internet and Telephone Voting and will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022.

Internet and Telephone Voting Period begins on October 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. through to October 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Voter Information Letters will be mailed out to eligible voters during the week of October 3, 2022. If there is a race in your Ward and you do not receive a Voter Information Letter by October 12, 2022, please contact the Municipal Office. English language voters in Wards 3 and 5 will not vote in this election.

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Mallory Bishop, Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Dysart et al



Bridgit Rewald was the lucky winner of the Milwaukee Tools prize from the RPM Outboard Power Races' Raffle Draw. /Photos submitted by Judy Skinner



Fred Cano, from left, and Alex McCracken, both lucky winners.

The faces at the races

In spite of the poor weather report, the 2022 Toronto Outboard Boat Races (RPM Outboard Power Races) got off to a good start with Head Lake Park continuously filling up throughout the morning and afternoon. Things were pretty busy and often pretty noisy but there was a wonderful feeling throughout that another part of life was once again being enjoyed.

The raffle table was active almost non-stop with hopeful buyers casing out the terrific display of items donated by local individuals and businesses. Included was a signed action picture of our very own Matt Duchene, who plays for the Nashville Predators in NHL, and a Yeti Cooler from Vince Hammond Trucking. Other prizes included an automotive gift bag from Ideal Supply; a gift certificate from Louie's Auto Care; Milwaukee power drills from Haliburton Home Hardware; gourmet gift basket from Fort Irwin Cottage and Garden Centre; "Airhead" tube and life jacket from Fort Irwin Marina; golf package for four from the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre; and a gift certificate from Wind in the Willows Spa. At times, the traffic level around the gifts reached "rush hour" level.

As in previous years, the lovely and generous Pat France donated beautiful handmade dolls to be sold at the raffle table. For those not familiar with Pat's sweet creations, each doll has a heart on its outfit, which shows the child receiving it that it was made with love just for them.

Also included this year was an invitation to attendees to bring items to be donated to the local food bank, the 4Cs, and many of those coming into the park stopped first to drop off their food items at the raffle tent.

Throughout the two days from Saturday, Aug. 20 to Sunday, Aug. 21, a number of racing enthusiasts stopped at our tent, not just to purchase raffle tickets, but to make a donation to the Haliburton Hospital. I am always touched that even in the midst of all the noise and excitement, people remember their priorities and values to take the time to stop to give to our Haliburton Hospital. All in all, a pretty wonderful weekend with over \$3,500 raised for the Haliburton Hospital.

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Wright is a singer/songwriter, and one of 2022's Halls Island resident artists.

Halls Island is located on Koshlong Lake. The residency program invites annual applications from artists of all disciplines for an opportunity to find inspiration as they engage with nature and pursue their creative endeavours in this idyllic, off-grid setting. Accommodations and transportation to and from the island is provided at no charge. Successful artists are encouraged to do something to "give back" to the local community. This evening with Wright is her response to that encouragement – it promises to be both entertaining and informative.

Wright says, "I'm framing this performance around how I have coped with these last six or seven years of jaw-dropping inanity in the U.S. ... and also hopefully, in a way that is relatable, on how I am currently dealing with the social upheavals. I will talk and sing about how these events have affected me personally as an American and as a citizen of this crazy world. This is serious stuff, but we have to live in the world, and sometimes just trying to see things in a fresh way does help."



A view of Halls Island from Koshlong Lake where artists participate in the Halls Island Artist Residency. /Submitted

As a singer/songwriter Wright's influences are many and varied: Country, folk, rock, indie, musical theatre and opera. "There is not a genre I am allergic to," she proudly claims. More details can be found at www.lisawrightsongs.com.

There is no booking required for this evening. Admission is by donation to support the Halls Island Artist Residency. For more information about the residency, please go to www.hallsisland.ca. Concert contact is Don Gage, the Halls

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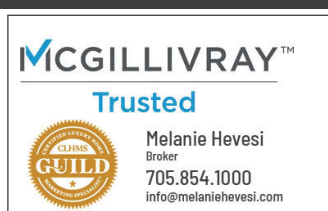
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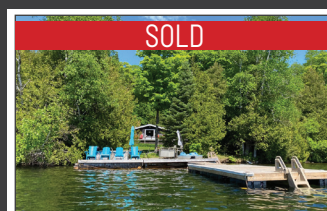
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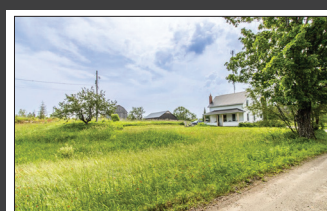
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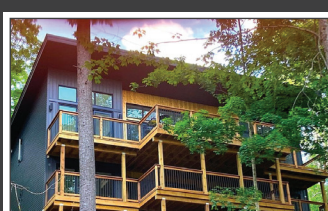
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Hitting the trails

Riders leave the start of the 8th Annual Charity ATV Run organized by the Wilberforce Curling Club on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Lloyd Watston Memorial Centre in Wilberforce. With close to 200 participants on 146 ATVs and side-by-sides, the fundraiser raised \$12,000 to support the Wilberforce Curling Club's community curling program and the local school, Wilberforce Elementary School. /DARREN LUM Staff



Serving them hot. Volunteers come together to transfer home fries to a serving dish for breakfast at the 8 th Annual Charity ATV Run



A passanger waves from an ATV during the 8 th Annual Charity ATV Run.



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"Rock on the Dock" had a beautiful sunny day for live music.

Rocking the boats

The third annual "Rock on the Dock" was held on Kennisis Lake where 142 boats attended to enjoy music by the Tim Magwood Band and Jim and Spencer Dale. \$3,800 was raised at the event to go towards SIRCH Community Services. /Submitted by Gary Bouwmeister



142 boats gathered at the 3rd annual "Rock on the Dock" fundraiser on Kennisis Lake.

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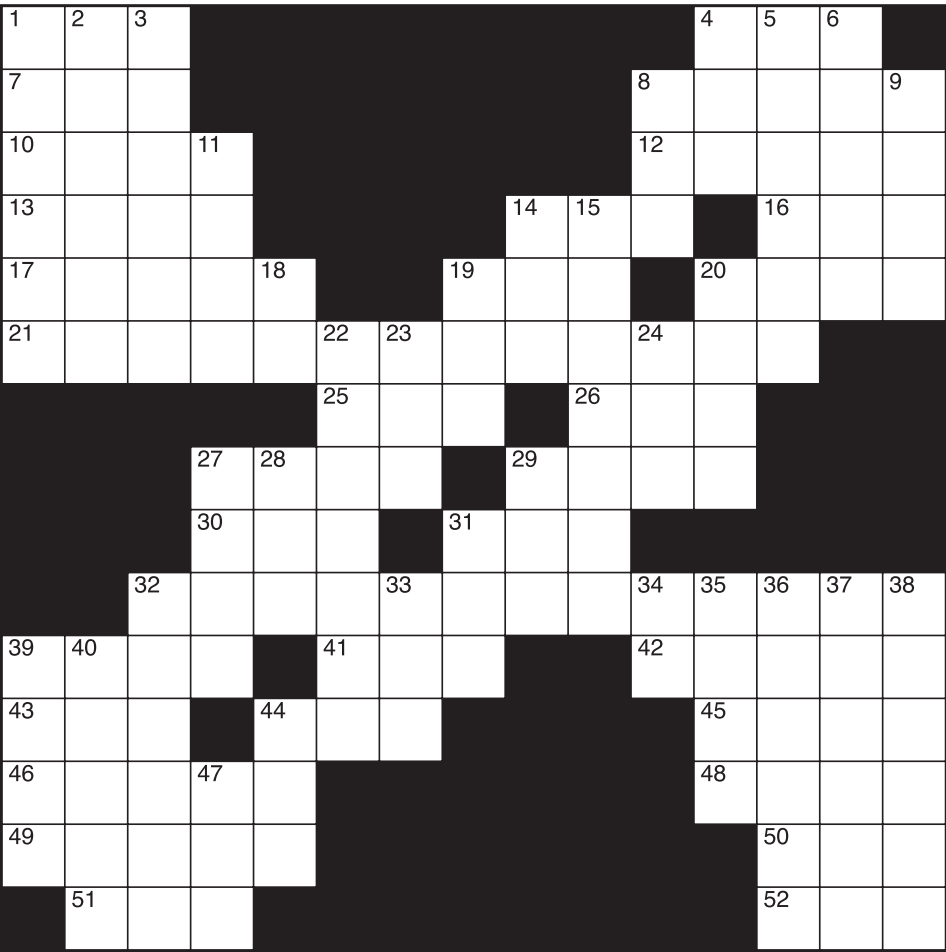
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- CLUES ACROSS

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 - 7. Before the present
 - 8. They burn in a grill
 - 10. Enough (archaic)
 - 12. "A Doll's House" playwright
 - 13. Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
 - 14. Napoleonic Wars battle
 - 16. Chinese surname
 - 17. Fragrant essential oil
 - 19. Follows sigma
 - 20. Model
 - 21. A place with many dining options
 - 25. BBQ dish
 - 26. Corn comes on it
 - 27. A sheep in its second year
 - 29. Triad
 - 30. They _
 - 31. Actor DiCaprio
 - 32. TV's "Edith Bunker"
 - 39. Sustenance
 - 41. Man who behaves dishonorably
 - 42. Cause a loud, harsh sound
 - 43. A way to take in liquids
 - 44. Gene type
 - 45. The Miami mascot is one
 - 46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
 - 48. Casino machine
 - 49. Contains cerium
 - 50. Something with a letter-like shape
 - 51. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
 - 52. Legendary actress Ruby
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Conqueror
 - 2. Kin relation
 - 3. Increases the value of
 - 4. Pack
 - 5. Popular nut
 - 6. Dogs' enemies
 - 8. Former OSS
 - 9. Unpleasant person
 - 11. Come again?
 - 14. Beverage container
 - 15. Rock formation
 - 18. Dorm official
 - 19. The bill in a restaurant
 - 20. Type of jug
 - 22. Importance requiring swift action
 - 23. Outfit
 - 24. Small Eurasian deer
 - 27. Weight used in China
 - 28. A major division of geological time
 - 29. Popular beverage
 - 31. Confined condition (abbr.)
 - 32. Practical joking
 - 33. Pouchlike structure
 - 34. Pound
 - 35. Lilly and Manning are two
 - 36. Stopped discussing
 - 37. Baltimore ballplayer
 - 38. Candymaker
 - 39. One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
 - 40. Northern sea duck
 - 44. Partner to cheese
 - 47. Cannot be found

Answers on page 14



Vivian Collings said it's a dream come true to work as a reporter for the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times*. The Red Hawks alumnus remembers reading the *Echo* as a girl growing up in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

Fulfilling a childhood dream

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Staff Reporter

My Great-Grandmother once said to me, "truth is stranger than fiction," and this year, I'm really believing it.

I'm Vivian Collings, and I joined the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times team in my hometown as a full-time reporter in April.

I've been here for almost five months now, but I still find myself pausing from my work in disbelief of where I am and what I get to do.

I always looked forward to Tuesdays and Wednesdays as a kid after getting home from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and later Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, because either the *Echo* or *Times* would be in my mailbox.

Most kids do that, right?

I was so excited to see what was going on around the county, to look at the photos, and to read Steve Galea's humour columns.

Community events were, and, likely, always will be, my favourite part about Haliburton County. I dreamed that I would one day get to take photos at events, speak with and meet lots of wonderful people, and write about the experience.

Truth is certainly stranger than fiction.

After graduating from HHSS in 2017, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do for a career. I applied to both college and university journalism programs as well as programs in art and design.

After doing too much Googling, I felt discouraged about pursuing journalism. I was convinced that I wouldn't get a job in a small town working for a newspaper, and I certainly didn't think it would be feasible in my beloved hometown.

Definitely not wanting to live and work in a city, I let the dream go.

I decided on a year-long accelerated program called integrated design at Fleming College's Haliburton School

of Art + Design (HSAD) campus which allowed me to stay home for an extra year.

From there, I pursued interior design, lived in Peterborough, then Waterloo, and then moved back home when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and classes changed to online learning in March of 2020.

With COVID-19 health measures still in full-force, I decided to stay home in 2021 and receive my integrated design diploma by completing the digital image design certificate program at HSAD.

HSAD is a magical place, and, if you ever get the chance to visit the campus, please do.

After that, I realized more than ever that Haliburton was where I wanted to be.

Using the pandemic as an excuse to stay once again, I was able to find work that used my design skills, and I got involved in lots of community initiatives and events.

Eventually, I found myself taking photos at events here and there for the *Echo*.

That quickly led to being asked to write a couple of stories, and eventually, to my surprise, a full-time job offer.

Now, I think I have a really good excuse to stay.

I get a little teary thinking about the little girl sitting at home reading the local paper years ago, because that same girl gets to sit in the *Echo* office and write for you now.

That must be the definition of "full-circle?"

I couldn't be more grateful to be part of such a talented and dedicated team.

I am so excited to be able to shed light on all parts of Haliburton County with photos and words and to continue to meet and speak with incredible people every day.

If you'd like to contact me, please, don't hesitate to reach out by email: vivian@haliburtonpress.com, or at 705-457-1037 ext. 39.

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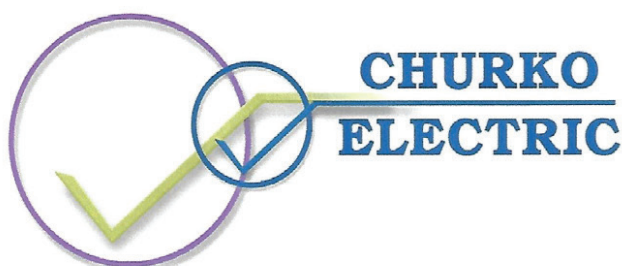
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Thank You The family of the late Carl Smith want to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness during this time. Special thanks to Vera, Irma, Marg, Kristi and Laureen for their help.

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Peacefully at the residence on Friday afternoon, August 26, 2022 in his 75th year.

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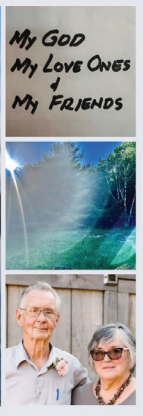

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John Andrew Peel


It's with profound sadness we announce the passing of John Andrew Peel on June 10th, 2022, in his 79th year. John passed away doing what he loved the most, working and helping others. Survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Barbara, daughter Susan, grandchildren Freyja (Jalen), Carson (Beth) and Dakota (Max), and his great grandchildren, Laken, Tekoa, Sitka, Zia and Thatcher. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend, teacher, and mentor. Many will remember him as "A jack of all trades", "a MacGyver" or "He could literally fix anything." He will be missed immensely by many.

The picture of the note is one that he kept on his bed side table to remind himself of his values and his motivation each day. The picture of the trees and the sky is what he would have been looking at when he left us.

A celebration of John's life will be held on his birthday, September 2nd, 2022 from 4-7 pm, at Killara Station, 5205 Gelert Road, Minden Ontario

Please bring along a story to share or leave a memory of John in his memory book.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial tree is to be planted at the location of John's death, donations can be made at Country Rose in John's name. Donations can also be made to the Haliburton United Church which has been John and Barbara's place of worship and community for over 50 years.





Judith "Judy" Ann Creelman
Died peacefully and extremely well-loved on August 18th in Upper Clements, Nova Scotia at the age of 86. Haliburton was her home for over 30 years, and a celebration of Judy's Life will be held this Fall in her beloved garden in Upper Clements.



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A swimming start to triathlon:

Young participants in Saturday's Stanhope Triathlon begin the race with a 100 metre swim at Beech Lake beach. The kids event

was won by twin sisters from Canning Lake, Kristine and Sandra Bunker, while the adult title went to a 21-year-old runner from Newark, New York. More photos and results are on page 8.

Small municipalities feel brunt of tax changes

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Tax rates across Haliburton County are a clear barometer of the pressures bearing down on small municipalities as they take on an increased load of services, say municipal officials.

With a smaller base of residential and commercial ratepayers to share the burden, taxes are generally higher in the county's least-populated municipalities and lower in the larger ones.

This year the provincial government provided funding to help municipalities absorb costs for the many services it transferred to them.

But a portion of that assistance — including funding to help cover substantial policing costs — was given on a one-time only basis. Other grants are to be phased out by the year

2000.

Some municipalities are worried about their ability to pay for the new services without big tax hikes once funding from the province dries up.

The additional costs will be particularly hard for small municipalities to absorb.

This year's tax rates show the county's smaller municipalities are already having a hard

enough time handling existing costs with their narrow tax bases, says Snowdon clerk-administrator Ernie Hills.

Hills warned the tax rates are an indicator of troubled times to come for small municipalities.

"It's a signal to us that the smaller municipalities are not going to be able to withstand much more without paying significantly higher taxes."

In Snowdon, for example, where there is virtually no commercial assessment, residential property owners share nearly the full tab for municipal spending.

Because the municipality provides little more than basic services, it's ability to pare down costs is very limited.

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TSW heritage designation mainly a tourism incentive

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Contrary to the fears of many area politicians and land owners, designating the Trent-Severn a heritage river would in no way restrict usage of the waterway or adjacent property, says the Ministry of Natural Resources official who helps

oversee the Canadian Heritage Rivers System.

John Fisher told county councillors the CHRS has no power to regulate uses along the waterways it designates.

"This would have no effect on land-use planning, private property rights or Crown land use," he said at Wednesday's meeting.

The heritage status, granted to

32 rivers across the country, merely carries promotional weight for communities and businesses fronting on the rivers.

Areas along heritage rivers have realized significant tourism benefits since the waterways were designated, said Fisher.

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